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The increasing interest in the study of Mycology in this country, during the past few years, has made more apparent than ever, the need of collecting into one publication all the literature pertaining to the subject. This, if accomplished, would be a source of great convenience as well as economy, both to the specialist and to the amateur in this department of botany. The JOURNAL OF MYCOLOGY proposes to meet this want and supply this need, in so far as a carefully edited monthly publication may be able to do so. With this end in view, a medium will here be offered for the publication of *new species* of Fungi as they may appear from time to time. While this will be a leading feature of the JOURNAL, it will by no means occupy all of its pages. It is proposed to give, from time to time, Monographs of the different genera of Fungi prepared by those who have given special attention to the study of each particular family, and to this end a cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in improving our knowledge of North American Mycology. As an initial effort in this direction, an Enumeration of the North American Cercosporæ, with descriptions of the species,* will begin in the next number. This plan, if successfully carried out, will result, practically, in a Manual of our Fungi—a desideratum of special importance. Besides this, an account of all the current literature on mycological subjects will be regularly given. Neither will popular scientific articles relating to species of Fungi, nor reviews or criticisms of important publications, nor any other mycological matter of interest, by eminent writers, be excluded. In the hope of successfully carrying out the above scheme, we hereby invite the co-operation of all who are interested in mycological botany.

* The paper on Geasters was not received till after this was in print.